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President's Message

Michael J. McNabb

I will start this report with a thank you to our AOH/NYS Chaplain, Fr. Henry Reid, for celebrating our AOH/NYS Pro-Life Mass. Thank you to AOH/NYS Pro-Life Chairman Matt Nelligan for coordinating the Mass. I would also like to thank Owen Cole and our Schenectady sister and brother Hibernians for hosting our Mass, State Board Meetings and the mixed doubles bowling.

At our Board Meeting the following were unanimously endorsed for National Office: Brendan Moore - President, Judge James McKay - Vice-President, Tom McNabb - Secretary and Charles "Chip" McLean - Director.

I hope everyone is starting to make their plans to attend the National Convention at the Turning Stone in Verona, NY July 9- 13, 2012. I am expecting our State to have a FULL Delegation in attendance.

On November 5, the contract was signed with the Holiday Inn in Saratoga for our 2013 State Convention. Also on that day the final checks and paperwork

from the 2011 Convention in Rockland were received. A final report should be completed by the time this edition of the ESH goes to print.

Our next State Board Meeting will be May 5, 2012 in East Durham. This will be preceded on Friday, May 4 with the James F. Hayes Golf Classic. This golf tournament is the main fundraiser for the Austin V. Carew Scholarship Fund. If you have never golfed in this, you are missing a fun filled day. The weekend will conclude with our annual pilgrimage to Our Lady of Knock Shrine for Mass. AOH/NYS Catholic Action Chairman, Peter Durkee, has informed me he is already working on the weekend.

Vice President's Message

James Burke

Your State Board is committed to support your Divisions in every way we can, and to grow our Order across this great state. We need your help. We must increase our recruitment efforts at the local level if we are to stem the tide of natural attrition. Don't be one of those Divisions who are content with their little club of aging members and will not reach out to anyone new.

They will soon be gone. Membership is the life-blood of our organization. You have heard it before, but if each one of us were to bring in just one new member we would double our size. I challenge you to do so! Surely you know of someone who would be a good addition to your Division. Bring him in! Think of whether you have a friend, co-worker or family member who meets our requirements and encourage them to join. If you know of a group in a neighboring town or county who might be candidates for our Order let your District Director or State Organizer know about them.

Divisions should now be finished with nominations and elections for office with installations to be held in December or January. Be sure to file your new Form 9 as soon as possible. Whether or not changes have been made you must still file a new Form 9 annually. Remember that to hold the office of President or Vice President you must have your major degree. In New York State we have four active degree teams, more than in any other state. I know they are very willing to travel across the state in order to confer our degrees. Consider sponsoring a

degree in your area. Contact me if you need help.

Thank you to those Divisions that have extended invitations to me to attend their installations or Christmas parties. I will make every effort to attend, schedule permitting. I look forward to visiting with you whenever possible.

My best wishes for a very happy and blessed Christmas season to you and your families.

State Chaplain

Fr. Henry W. Reid

Two Millennia ago, an event happened that changed the course of human history, God entered into our World, in the Person of Jesus, son of Mary and Joseph of Nazareth. The results of this Incarnation of God are innumerable; not only was our own human dignity elevated by the Divine Being sharing in our human nature, but through the subsequent historical events the Culture and Civilization we live in have been shaped. For those who do not believe that the Birth of Christ was the defining event of Western Civilization, all one has to do is look at those parts of the World that do not embrace Christianity. China, India and most of the rest of Asia, reject the dignity of the human person, the worth of a human being is a mere commodity, and the life of a human being is expendable; even the Christian example given by Mother

Theresa has not been able to overcome the cultural norms of the majority of Asians. In the former Soviet Union, Christianity was suppressed, the values shared by Orthodoxy and Catholicism rejected by regimes bent on restructuring history; the most infamous of this anti-Christian movement, Josef Stalin, murdered more people than the Nazis. Only when Blessed John Paul II brought the power of Christ's Church behind the Polish people, and the Solidarity Movement, was the futility of the Marxist Leninist state exposed and defeated.

Throughout the Twentieth Century there have been those who tried to create or rewrite history according to their own anti-Christian agenda, whether Communist, Fascist or Secularist, as in the case of the current European Union advocates. The fact is that what is worthy of praise in the United States, Western Europe, and the whole World for that matter, is based on the Christian principals that continue to guide us. As Irish and Irish Americans, we enjoy freedoms and preserve the dignity of the individual human being based on Christian traditions. As Catholics, we recognize the great gift that we received from our Creator, the gift of Life, from which we enjoy all our other rights and blessings. During this Advent and Christmas Season, take time to appreciate everything that the Birth of Jesus Christ has meant to you and your families. May God continue to Bless all of

you, at Christmas and throughout the New Year.

Nollaig Shona Dhuit.

Treasurer

Vic Vogel

On October 22, 2011, I attended the NYS Board Meeting in Schenectady, NY. A Treasurer's Report for my tenure as Treasurer was submitted. The Finance Committee audited and accepted that report. I would like to thank the Finance Committee for the professional manner in which they conducted their audit and shared helpful insights. I would like to thank the brothers of Schenectady for their hospitality.

On November 5, 2011, the NYS Executive Board met with the Chairmen of the 2013 NYS Convention Committee in Saratoga, NY. We conducted business appropriate to the arrangement of sites for lodging, meetings and events for that convention. I would like to thank Steve Curran and Chris Bergman for their efforts and desire to make this an outstanding event.

Later that evening, we attended a Freedom For All Ireland Fundraiser at Division Five Hall in Albany. The night appeared to be a great success. I would also like to thank the brothers from Albany for the welcoming invitation and an enjoyable night of entertainment and brotherhood.

On October 8, 2011, I attended the National President's Dinner in Philadelphia, PA, on behalf of the NYS Board. Congratulations to the Dinner Committee for their accomplishments in honoring Seamus Boyle. The highlight of the evening was the presentation of the 2011 Sean MacBride Humanitarian Award to Clara Reilly of Belfast. This brave woman fought for the human rights of all Irish-Catholics in Northern Ireland during the darkest days of The Troubles. It would be time well spent reading this woman's story.

I would like to thank the many Divisions and County Boards for their generous invitations to attend their events. I would like to wish all my brother Hibernians and their families at this holy time of year a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

This is a reminder that the NYS Per Capita Tax Incentive Program is still in effect. All divisions paying their per capita tax by January 31, 2012, will be assessed at a rate of \$3.50 per member. Divisions paying their per capita tax between February 1, 2012 and March 31, 2012, will be assessed at a rate of \$4.00 per member. Divisions paying their per capita tax after March 31, 2012, will be assessed at a rate of \$4.50 per member.

District 1 & Catholic Action

Peter P. Durkee

Brothers, as director of District 1 it is my duty to oversee all Divisions in this district which includes Albany Co. (Albany Div. 5 and Watervliet Div. 1), Saratoga Co. (Saratoga Div. 1), Schenectady Co. (Schenectady Div. 1), and Rensselaer Co. (Troy Div. 8). I will be visiting these Divisions throughout the year to serve as a surrogate for the State President and members of the Executive Board. I have also been charged with coordinating schedules of various fund raising events and other activities. On September 14th I called together a Capital District Council Meeting for District One with my main concern on the agenda being assisting Saratoga with the State Convention in 2013.

Since submitting my report at the State Board Meeting all divisions have reported the nomination and election of officers for the coming year. Their installations of Officers are as follows:

- Schenectady Div. #1 will be held on November 19th at 5:00PM in their hall at 1748 State St., Schenectady.
- Albany Div. #5 will be held on December 10th at 5:00PM in their hall at 375 Ontario St., Albany beginning with Mass and followed by the Installation.
- Troy Div. #8 will be held on December 14th at

7:00PM at St. Joseph's Church Rectory (Madden Center) 416 Third St. Troy.

- Watervliet Div. #1 will be held on January 6th at 5:00PM in their hall at 1021 9th Ave. Watervliet, beginning with Mass and followed by the Installation.
- Saratoga Div. #1 will be held on January 7th at 5:00 PM with Mass at St. Peter's Church follow by the Installation at Saratoga Elks Club.

President McNabb has also appointed me to the position of Catholic Action Chairman, with one of my many duties being coordinating our annual pilgrimage to Our Lady of Knock Shrine in East Durham with the LAOH in May.

As we approach the holy season of Christmas I ask that we all remember the true meaning of the season, when sending Christmas Cards please use only spiritual cards that proclaim Christ as being the true meaning of Christmas, so we may all **KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS.**

The Durkee family would like to wish all of you a very Blessed and Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

District 2

Thomas A. Lambert

Since being elected as NYS AOH District 2 Director, I have had the pleasure of attending the meetings of all eight of our Divisions. I was well received

by each of the Divisions. All Divisions are doing well. Erie County is in the process of strengthening its County Board. Mission & Charity awards from the recent state convention were also presented to Rochester Division 7 and Olean Division 2.

As I previously reported in the September 2011 *Empire Hibernian*, the Divisions within District 2 committed \$1,000 at our recent state convention towards our AOH National goal of raising \$250,000 towards the "Barry Gate" at Annapolis. The \$1,000 check was sent while at the convention and, as announced at the state convention, it was matched dollar for dollar by another donor. District 2 effectively contributed \$2,000 towards making the Barry Gate a reality. The \$1,000 check was paid with the help of Arnie Nagelhout and Bill Powers. Division 1 in Buffalo, Division 4 in Buffalo, Division 1 in Niagara Falls, Division 4 in Lockport and Division 7 in Rochester have each contributed \$200 as reimbursement for the contribution made at the convention. The initial donation has now been repaid. Division 1 in Geneva also made their own contribution to the Barry Gate fund. We hope to raise additional money from the other Divisions within District 2 as a further contribution to the Barry Gate fund.

Speaking of Commodore Barry, Buffalo Division 1 hosted the annual John Barry Commemoration on September 10, 2011 at

the Buffalo Naval Park on the fantail of the USS Little Rock. The event was well attended. Plans for the dedication of a new monument to "The Fenian Invasion" from Buffalo into Canada in 1866 are moving along nicely. Division 1 in Niagara Falls recently opened a new hall. Congratulations and good luck! Division 4 in Lockport reports an aggressive plan for charitable contributions in the coming year. District 2 in Olean is actively involved in local projects and charitable donations. District 7 in Rochester just kicked off an impressive campaign of selling calendars featuring local establishments to fund their many charitable contributions. Divisions 4 and 5 in Buffalo and Division 1 in Geneva are all actively involved with charitable donations. Hibernianism in Western New York is alive and well!

The sale of 2012 AOH calendars is going well with all of the Divisions. If anyone needs an AOH calendar, please contact me.

Please feel free to contact me by email (district2@nyaoh.com) or by telephone at (716-796-7687). I have asked Division Presidents to add me their email list or mailing list for Division newsletters, so I will be better able to know what is happening within our District. It is my goal to keep communication flowing between the NYS AOH and all Divisions within District 2.

District 6

John C. O'Connell

It's been a great first four months as District 6 Director. I've been able to get to all the Nassau and Suffolk County Board meetings, and it's been a pleasure to get to better know my brother Hibernians in Suffolk.

The Nassau County Feis & Festival and the Suffolk County Feis were grand events that I enjoyed very much. It's always amazing to see all the hard work that so many AOH and LAOH members put into organizing and staffing these celebrations of Irish music, dance and culture. These are major events that require coordination, time, physical-labor skills to construct and transport stages, the selling of journal ads for funding, journal-page formatting, pipe band performances, dance-competition coordination, prize awarding, vendor management and a host of other complex efforts. Many dozens of brother and sister Hibernians help to make these splendid celebrations successful. I was so impressed to attend them.

I could not stay long at the National Board meeting in Philadelphia on Oct. 8 because of a prior commitment in Connecticut, but I was proud to help represent District 6 the evening before the meeting and the first few hours of the morning meeting. It was my first national board meeting and it was uplifting to witness the serious work

being done by the national officers. I am happy to report that everyone on the national level knew that New York was strongly present in the room.

I had a fine time at the New York State Board meeting in Schenectady on Oct. 22. The Pro-Life Mass, concelebrated by NY State Chaplain Fr. Henry Reid (who is also Deputy National Chaplain) was moving and inspirational. The meeting afterwards was productive and very efficiently run by the worthy State President Mike McNabb.

At the state meeting, I was proud to make a motion that the state board endorses Immediate Past State President Chip McLean in his bid to become a National Director. I have gotten to know some of the fine and worthy National Directors in other work I do for the Order, and they are all the finest men and the finest Hibernians. I can imagine no better brother to join their ranks than Chip McLean. My motion was accepted and unanimously approved.

I was also proud to be part of the standing-ovation endorsement of Brendan Moore, our current National Vice President for the office of National President.

The State Board endorsed the re-election of National Secretary Tom McNabb as well, and current National Treasurer Judge Jim McKay was endorsed for the office of National Vice

President.

Later in the day, our able and generous hosts, the Schenectady Division, organized our annual bowling tournament at which many of the finest AOH and LAOH athletes competed. The laughs, the feeling of Hibernian camaraderie, and the fun of the sport made for a great afternoon. The subsequent buffet dinner and tournament awards presentations at the Schenectady Division Hibernian Hall were an informal and happy way to end the day.

Now is the exciting time of officer installations, when the future of our noble and Ancient Order are sworn in. I look forward to these ceremonies, and urge all brothers to make it a point to attend installations.

I wish you all a very happy Thanksgiving and a merry and holy Christmas. Let us pray for each other at this sometimes stressful season.

District 8

Vince Tyer

Thanks to all those who attended the recent State Board meeting in Schenectady – District 8 was well represented. Congratulations to Brother Brendan Moore, National Vice President, who received the endorsement of the New York State Board for his candidacy next summer as National President.

I am looking forward to meeting with the brothers of Orange County at their upcoming County Board meeting on December 11th. I also hope to visit the other Counties in District 8 by the end of December. District 8 has sold all their 2012 calendars. I realize some of the Counties did not receive them as they sold out fast. If anyone would like one please contact me and I will be happy to get more.

Save the date - March 18th, 2012 Rockland County AOH will host its 50th annual St. Patrick's Day parade in Pearl River, NY. In honor of our 50th anniversary Archbishop Dolan has graciously agreed to attend the parade. At a joint County Board meeting of the AOH on November 15th, Raymond Sheridan was elected to be the Grand Marshal. All AOH Counties/Divisions are welcome to join us for the parade – for information please contact me.

Organizer

Thomas A. Lambert

Since becoming NYS AOH Organizer, I have had the pleasure of speaking to a number of our brothers throughout New York State. I have been responsive to phone calls and emails and I will continue to be responsive. I have also attended meetings at all eight Divisions throughout Western New York. The recruitment of new members and retention of existing brothers was discussed. Recruitment

appears to be strong amongst the Divisions I visited.

I have also been in contact with AOH National Director, Danny O'Connell, who is also the National Organizer. Danny has forwarded a recruitment brochure to our NYS Webmaster, Joe McDonald for placement on the NYS AOH website. Our NYS AOH Website has a treasure trove of valuable information concerning the history of our Order. Information about the AOH is vital for any recruitment. Please use the website to increase your knowledge of our Order. The new recruitment brochure will soon be available and the AOH membership application is now available from the website.

The application for the NYS AOH Organizers Grant and information about the grant is available on the website. I have already received one application which is currently being reviewed. Additional applications are encouraged.

If not already in place, each Division should have an "Organizing Committee". Our Divisions perform a lot of charitable work. Please make sure that this work is recognized locally. Positive exposure of our charitable endeavors can be a major recruitment tool.

I have also heard from the Past President of Hornell Division 1 in Steuben County. There is interest in forming a new Division in Wellsville, Allegheny

County. I am meeting with the group from Wellsville on 11/17/11. More information will follow.

Please feel free to contact me by email organizer@nyaoh.com or by telephone at (716-796-7687).

Charities and Missions

Arnie Nagelhout

With the holiday season upon us it is a reminder that your terms of office are winding down. Please take the time to get your Charities and Missions reports completed. Take a few minutes with your Treasurer and compile the information of your charitable contributions since July 2011. Don't forget to report your man hours (a value of \$7.50 per hour); examples are helping out at a feis, church or school field day, assisting at a food pantry, conducting a food collection, assisting at a church clean up or painting party and the list goes on. Report forms are available on the NY State website. If you don't have access to the Internet to get a form, just send your information to me and I'll fill out the report. If you email your report I will send you a reply "I got it".

Just as we have given thanks, this month, for the bounty God has given to each of us we must also remember Christ's' words "What ever you do for the least of my brothers you have done for me". During this Christmas

season and cold months that follow we are afforded the opportunity to practice our faith by assisting the less fortunate. Many people still find themselves in a situation they never thought could happen to them. Many are experiencing problems with feeding their families and even others have lost their homes. Please consider organizing a collection of blankets and winter clothing for the city mission. Conduct a food drive for your St. Vincent de Paul Society or local food pantry that supplies meals for those who have fallen on hard times.

All County Boards and Divisions should buy at least one NY State Lottery calendar for 2012 at only \$25 per calendar. The proceeds from this project help the NY State Board to make charitable donations during the year. As your division begins to draw up a charitable budget for 2012 please remember to include Project St. Patrick, FFAI Christmas Appeal and Barry's Gate Project with your other proposals.

I have received 4 Charities and Missions reports from Thomas W. Carroll Div. 1, Erie Co. totaling \$585. Buffalo Navel Park, Western NY Famine Mass Committee, Western NY Food Bank and Nicaragua Missions benefited from their works of charity.

Beannachtai na Nollaig go Leir.
Blessings of Christmas to all.

State Fund Raiser
Calendar Chairman
John Hennessy

Sorry I wasn't able to attend the state board meeting and I want to thank our worthy president for excusing me.

National ritual chairman Pat Shannon and I were down in South Carolina to certify a new degree team.

I want to thank brother Tom McKenna for bringing up the calendars for 2012. Now it's up to you to make this calendar program a success.

As of October 31, 2011 we have awarded \$5550.00 in prizes. We can make this program even better in 2012, but it's up to you brothers; this is your state board.

If you need additional calendars give me a call 631 667-8396 or email johnaoh@optonline.net. Just a reminder, keep track of the distribution of these calendars. All unsold calendars should be returned by January 1 2012. Unsold calendars not returned are the responsibility of the recipient and payment is due the 31st of December. If the winning number is part of this group a check will be mailed to the person, county or division provided these numbers are paid for.

I also had the occasion to attend the Notre Dame- Navy game won by Notre Dame. What a beautiful campus and basilica.

Let's remember our service men and women.

Last but not least, I want to wish everybody a very blessed Christmas and a happy and healthy new year. God bless.

Veterans Affairs
John M. Ryan

Hopefully those of you who have planned to send packages and cards to our GIs overseas already have them in the mail. There is nothing like receiving a package from home. If you do not know anyone overseas I suggest that you make a Christmas contribution to the Wounded Warrior Project. You can mail a check to Wounded Warrior Project, National Processing Center, P.O. Box 758516, Topeka, Ks 66675-8516. You can also make a donation to Fisher House at Stratton VA Medical Center, 113 Holland Ave., Albany, N.Y. 12208.

Within the next few weeks many of our G.I.'s will be returning home from overseas. This will surely be a Merry Christmas for them and their families.

FYI: For those on active duty and either wounded or injured in the line of duty and because of your condition, are no longer able to perform your assigned duties and now have other duties not prescribed by your MOS, you are entitled to re-

ceive Social Security Disability in addition your pay. Social Security Disability is retroactive to your date of injury. You will need all your military health records that reflect the wound or injury along with a letter of documentation from your doctor. The application is on line at: www.socialsecurity.gov/appl yfor disability or call 1-800-772-1213.

If you know anyone transitioning from the military to civilian life there is a useful website at Adecco. It is managed by former military and can assist with career services, employer services, and associated needs. They are at www.adeccousa.com. In addition, the Small Business Administration provides services to Veterans who are looking to open their own businesses. They provide counseling and training services. You can reach the New York State Program Coordinator, John Narciso, at www.NYVETBIZ.COM. They are located at Farmingdale State College, 2350 Broadhollow Rd., Farmingdale, N.Y. 11735 or at 631 370-8891.

Have a very happy and Holy Christmas and a healthy New Year.

God Bless our troops and God Bless America.

Webmaster

Joe McDonald

Nollaig faoi shéan is faoi shonanas duit.

As we approach the end of 2011, it's a good time to reflect back a little bit and also look forward towards next year.

I am pleased to report a very prosperous 2011 for the Internet Communications Committee. There's a new website, which is probably the most advanced in the AOH, and there are a number of new features that have rolled out or will be unveiled in the coming months.

By now, all State Officers, County and Division Presidents should have been emailed a log-in for the website. If you currently hold one of these positions – and haven't been just elected – but did not receive a log-in please contact me at jmcdonald@nyaoh.com and I will reset the password on your account. Make sure we have a correct email for you. When you log-in you can download the AOH Constitution, NY State Bylaws, President's Directory and reports from the last State Board meeting. We will be adding other "Brothers Only" pages in the future.

That being said, it is imperative for the State Board to have an email address for all 83 divisions in the state. If the division president doesn't own a computer, then he should appoint someone who does have an

email as the Internet contact for the division. One of President McNabb's goals is better communication between the State Board and divisions. Because of the ease and inexpensive nature of email, it will be one of our primary ways of communication to the underlying jurisdictions. By not having an Internet contact, divisions are getting cheated out of news and information from the State Board. Having email access also goes for all the other positions on the Form 9. On the state form, there is a slot for an email address. The main way state chairmen will be able to get in touch with their underlying chairs is by email. If you have an email please include it. If you do not want to include a work one for the AOH, then you can go to either Yahoo or Google and get an address for free.

Last month we launched the Division Directory on the State Website. Now you can put your address in and find the closest division to your home. It lists all meeting locations, times and gives directions to the over 80 divisions in the state. In the near future, there will be a County Board Directory and information about Degree Teams.

On the Division Directory, we used the president as the main contact. If you want a different number let me know. Also, you can get a free local number and voice mail from Google Voice. Just go to www.google.com/voice and sign up. You can redirect

the number to any phone and if you have an iPhone or Android there are apps where you can make phone calls through your Google number.

Over the next few months we will also be putting our forms online to allow direct submission of the information. The form 41 will be used as a lead generating service through the State Organizer, submitting the New York State Form 9 online will help the State Secretary.

Finally, a little Internet Christmas present for all of you. If you go to www.archive.org and input nyaoh.com, you can see the New York State website's designs over the past 12 years. The Internet has come a long way. The way sites were designed back in 1999 compared to now shows a fantastic growth for the medium. NYAOH.com is just one example. It's pretty neat.

Have a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to you and your families. And I leave you with an Irish New Year's toast: Go mbeire muid beo ar an am seo arís.

Immigration &
Freedom for All Ireland
Dan Dennehy

I would like to start by wishing a Blessed and Merry Christmas and a Happy and Healthy New Year to you and your family. The past year has been a productive one regarding immigra-

tion. Meetings in Washington at the White House, Capitol Hill, and the Irish Embassy and here in New York saw myself, fellow AOH members and Irish Americans speaking to government officials and legislators directly on our issues. We continue to directly aid distressed Irish immigrants, young and old. Traveling to Ireland twice this year, I met with government officials, in Iveagh House in Dublin, and in Belfast City Hall sharing the AOH positions on immigration. We continue to work with ILIR and with the other people who have successfully led efforts for Irish immigrants in the past. Our connectivity and communication with the Irish immigration centers, the Irish Embassy and Consulates, and our AOH members across the US has never been better and we look forward to increasing the network of Hibernians willing to work on our immigration issues. I have attended the fundraisers and dances of several immigration centers to show our support for their efforts.

One of the highlights of the year was having Thar Saile leader Matt Morrison address the NYS Convention and my appointment as NYS FFAI Chairman by President McNabb. I then met with Thar Saile members, the president of the Irish American Unity Conference and Irish and US government officials in our aim to justly end the long saga of the men of Thar Saile. Fantastic news on that front came as, for the first

time in many, many years, Matt Morrison will travel home to his family in Ireland for Christmas and can now work and travel freely. We will continue fighting until every member of Thar Saile has the same right.

Our NYS Christmas Appeal continues and I have participated in two major fundraisers, at Harbour Lights in NYC and Albany AOH. At the Harbour Lights event, a \$2000 contribution was made by NYS FFAI to Relatives for Justice and presented to Clara Reilly, 2011 AOH McBride winner and RFJ Founder. The Albany FFAI event was great as always. Thanks to all the Hibernians who have contributed and volunteered their time and money to the Christmas Appeal. I will again make the trip to Ireland, lead by Sean Pender, National FFAI, to help disburse the Christmas Appeal Fund. Please help make this year's appeal a huge success by sending a donation to the NYS AOH Christmas Appeal.

Current projects of NYS FFAI are the Frank Durkan street naming in NYC and the fight to protect the records in Boston College from being exploited. These works involves cooperation with several Irish organizations and are true examples of our Orders outreach. Our co-sponsors at the NYC Christmas Appeal Fundraiser, the Brehon Law Society, are working with us on these two issues as well as a fight to prevent the bigoted 19th Century caricaturist Tho-

mas Nast from entering the New Jersey State Hall of Fame. Special thanks to Mike Carroll, Cody McCone, General Jim Cullen, Steve McCabe, JP Delaney, and Brian O'Dwyer (to name just a few) from the Brehon Law for all their assistance and efforts this year. Leslie Cassidy, Michael Cummings, and attorneys Martin Galvin, Martin Lyons, Eamonn Dornan and numerous members of the legal and law enforcement community have also provided great assistance to our efforts. Thanks also to National FFAI Sean Pender, my NYS FFAI predecessors, Tim Myles and Ciaran Geraghty, who along with FFAI Chairs across NYS, have helped renew spirit of cooperation on our mutual issues.

The time to get involved with these issues is now. I would ask that you consider becoming your Division's Immigration and FFAI Chairman and contact me with any questions or concerns: Dan Dennehy, 22 Andre Lane, Cortland Manor, NY 10567, by email: dandennehy@hotmail.com or phone (914)588-2710.

Coalition of Irish Immigration Centers www.ciic-usa.org
Emerald Isle Immigration Center www.eiic.org
Cross Care
www.migrantproject.ie/emigrating_from_ireland_usa.htm
Irish Lobby for Immigration Reform www.irishlobbyusa.org
Thar Saile www.tharsaile.org

NYC St. Patrick's Day Parade
2012 Scholarship

Every year the AOH New York State Board joins the many thousands of marcher's participating in the NY City Saint Patrick's Day Parade.

This parade, the largest in the world, has been held continuously since 1762. It honors the Patron Saint of Ireland and celebrates the faith and traditions of our people.

An additional benefit of our State Board's affiliation with the Parade is; each NY AOH

member in good standing has the opportunity to sponsor family member applicants for the annual St. Patrick's Day Parade and Celebration Committee Scholarship. Awards range from \$500 to \$2,500.

Topic - Francis P. Beirne College Scholarship Contest - Ireland has experienced a recent economic boom and bust: Describe lessons learned and long term impact on Ireland.

Topic - Margaret O'Rourke High School Scholarship Contest - In honor of the 100th anniversary of the sinking of the

Titanic: Discuss the voyages of Irish immigrants in their search for a better life.

Full details with application requirements are posted at <http://nycstpatrickspatrade.org/scholarship> Applications must be postmarked no later than April 2, 2012.

All jurisdictions are reminded to submit an updated Form 9 each January to all superior Boards of the Order, **even if no information has changed.** A blank copy has been included with this newsletter for your convenience.



Please send ___ copies of the AOH Anniversary Medallion to:

Name _____

Division _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____



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**CERTIFICATE OF ELECTION
ANCIENT ORDER OF HIBERNIANS
IN AMERICA**

FORM 9

- Regular Election
 Fill Vacancy

The following have been elected or appointed to office. Their/his term of office will begin : _____ insert date, or the word immediately

(Type or print all names and addresses. Mail copy to each Superior Board.)

Title	NAME	Address	Phone #	E-Mail
President				
Vice President				
Recording Secretary				
Financial Secretary				
Treasurer				
Chmn. Standing Comm.				
Marshal				
Sentinel				
Chaplain				
Historian				
Organizer				
Chmn. Charities & Missions				
Chairman Catholic Action				
Freedom For All Ireland Chmn.				
Pro-Life Chairman				
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